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Amendments to the specification:

Please delete the paragraph starting with "Systems and methods consistent with..." at page 3, line 11 and ending with "...telephone number of the called party." at page 3, line 20 and replace with the following amended paragraph:

--Systems and methods consistent with the present invention address this need by providing functionality within a computer that recognizes ~~telephones~~ telephone numbers among characters entered into an electronic document and further permits a calling party to initiate a call with a party associated with the telephone number. Call initiation is achieved using a computer input device, such as a mouse, by positioning a pointer over a telephone number displayed in an electronic document and selecting the ~~input device~~ telephone number (e.g., "clicking" the mouse). After selection of the telephone number, the computer formulates a message containing the telephone number and a calling party number that can be used to establish a connection between a telephone associated with a calling party and a telephone associated with the telephone number of the called party.--

Please delete the paragraph starting with "To begin processing, computer 105 receives..." at page 9, line 21 and ending with "...processing returns to step 500." at page 10, line 7 and replace with the following amended paragraph:

--To begin processing, computer 105 receives character input ~~[[from]]~~ at input device ~~[[215]]~~ 210 [step 500]. The character input can be entered, for example, via a keyboard

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connected to computer 105. Computer 105 determines if any of the received characters form a telephone number, such as, for example, a 10-digit telephone number in the NXX-NXX-XXXX format prescribed by the North American Numbering Plan (NANP) [step 505]. If so, computer 105 bolds and underlines the characters in the electronic document corresponding to the telephone number [step 510]. If the received characters do not form a telephone number, processing returns to step 500.--